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EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Millions of Money and Acres of Pretty Women.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—There are so many things in Washington to attract the attention of the visitor and so many subjects upon which an instructive letter can be written, that it is more difficult to choose a subject than to find matters of interest in a less favored place. I have repeatedly visited this beautiful city, but never until this time, had I made a thorough exploration of the building that holds the wealth of the government. I therefore gladly accepted an invitation of Col. Saml. A. Walton, late of Lancaster, but now chief of a division in the National Treasury, and who by the way is exceedingly popular at the Capital, where all such thoroughbred Kentuckians are favorites, to show me through the vast edifice. Its colossal proportions may be imagined when it is told that a force of over 2,500 men and women are constantly employed in it, auditing and paying the claims against the government. The amount of money and securities which it contains is stated at over a thousand millions of dollars. In one of the vaults are kept the bonds to secure the circulation of National Banks, representing a face value of \$300,000,000 and a real value greatly in excess. The gentleman in charge asked if I would like to see the bonds of any certain bank. Thinking first of the one in the INTERIOR JOURNAL building, I called for those of the Farmers National Bank. In an instant he produced an envelope and from it drew a \$50,000, two \$10,000 and a \$5,000 bond. The \$50,000 was a 4 1/2 per cent. and he asked "Would you like to give \$54,000 for that?" "No." "Well, you would have to pay that and more in the market to day to secure one like it."

The largest vault in the building, which is also said to be the largest single vault in the world, is 70 feet long, 40 feet wide and seven feet high. It contains \$82,000,000 in specie, of which \$59,000,000 are silver and \$23,000,000 gold. In another vault is \$13,000,000 and so on. The men in charge claim to know to a cent the contents of each, though the specie is not counted, but weighed in a huge scale, which is said to be the finest thing of the kind ever made, a single hair turning its balance, and the least wear of the dollars showing in the smallest fractions of weight. The beholder of the vast treasure of the vaults can fully realize the meaning of the lines "Thou art so near and yet so far," though he can but feel a little prouder to think that it is as much his as any other single individual's.

Decidedly the most interesting rooms are those of the Secret Service Department. Here are kept for inspection all the bogus money, dies, tools and other appurtenances to the counterfeiters and the display of the ingenuity of the rascals who palm off bad money on the unwary, is wonderful to contemplate. Millions of dollars of their make, both of notes and of coin, are heaped up here and the bulk is being added to daily, by the expert ladies who count and examine bank notes. This work is done entirely by ladies, whose sense of touch is so delicate and that of sight so acute that no counterfeit passes detection at their hands. The walls of the rooms are "decorated" with photographs of the makers and shovers of the "queer" and in addition a huge album gives the "phizzes" of as hard a lot as ever served sentences in a penitentiary.

With money as scarce as it is in our section, it seems a woful waste to destroy it by the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth, but large amounts are daily macerated in the presence of a committee, to whom is entrusted the destruction of retired notes, national bank bills withdrawn from circulation and mutilated currency. After being "perforated full of holes," and otherwise disfigured, the notes are placed in a huge macerator and reduced to pulp which has been sold principally to makers of cardboard, but recently a craze has sprung up to manufacture statuettes of the President and "Mrs." President and other distinguished people and label them, "This represents a value of \$25,000," "This \$50,000" and so on. They sell at comparatively a small price and are quite life-like and unique. Money was formerly destroyed by burning but notes would occasionally fly out of the chimney or hang in crevices, and to guard against the possible escape of a single dollar the macerator was brought into use and it does its work about as effectively as could be imagined.

There are hundreds of other things to attract the attention and interest, but I must desist after expressing my warmest appreciation of the many favors shown me by "Cousin Sam," who is the handsomest and one of the cleverest of the many Kentuckians at the seat of government.

The only Kentucky lady that I met in the Treasury, and I believe the only one employed there, was Mrs. Agnes Moore, a charming widow from Covington, who is a grand daughter of the late Gov. Huston. She is as handsome as he is captivating, and if I am not mistaken in the diagnosis of the case, Samuel is not proof against her charms. He'd be adamant indeed, if he was.

Speaking of pretty women, there appears to be more to the square inch in Washington than any city in this country, and the way they get themselves up leaves no room for imagination. They believe that the charms that God has given them,

or the dressmaker has by ingenuity supplied, were made to be seen and they act on this conviction, to the delight of the admiring men and the disgust of their less favored sisters. I said to Sam that it was evident that pretty women were not confined to Kentucky. His pride of birthplace and the recollection of the lovely creatures that have distinguished the State for beauty of her women, made him equal to the occasion, for he replied, "Nearly all the prettiest you see here are from Kentucky. They can't grow them in absolute perfection anywhere else." The greatest ladies' man at the Capital is Judge Charles E. Kincaid, who is also one of the best newspaper men there. There is no prominent society gathering in which he is not a figure and if mortal man ever lived in clover up to his ears, the judge is that man. It agrees with him too and has actually caused the capillary substance to vegetate upon the summit of as bare a cranium as ever was exhibited. It may be wig, but it does not look so by several jugs full.

Continuing to speak of beauty, if Mrs. Cleveland is half as pretty as the numberless photographs displayed in the city make her appear, she is indeed the very superlative of loveliness. Women are not given to complimenting the beauty of others of their sex, and when one expresses an opinion of an unqualified admiration of the loveliness of another, you may be sure that she does not overdraw. Mrs. McCreary tells us that none of the beautiful photographs do the charming lady of the White House even slight justice, that she is really beautiful both in face and figure and that her engaging manners and winning ways excel even her great charms of person. "Grover" was indeed born with a big gold spoon in his mouth to win the highest honors of men and the love of such a woman all in two short years. But he deserves all the good things of life, for he is one of the grandest men the country has ever produced. I did not get to see his wife, and that is the only regret connected with my visit to the city of "magnificent distances." If I could have swapped an interview with the president for one with Mrs. Cleveland I should have done so and given two to boot, as much as I appreciate the kind reception shown me by the brave and true man who deserves and will doubtless receive a unanimous re-nomination and a triumphant election as his own successor. I shall be back in "Old Kentucky" before you print this, but here she goes anyway.

W. P. W.

We got back Friday night greatly pleased with our visit and El's management both of the editorial and financial affairs of the office. A number of people have told us that he can beat us in both and give us two in the game and we believe it.

THERE are no reasons that Louisville should not enjoy as large a boom in real estate as her less favored Southern sisters, but many that she should, and recognizing this, an association has been formed there for presenting in attractive form the advantages and growth of our metropolis, which has engaged the services of Mr. Young E. Allison, a most competent and entertaining writer, to prepare the articles which will appear from time to time in the dailies of the city, giving the facts and figures to support the belief that Louisville is to be the city of the Southwest.

THE devil is to pay in the Jeffersonville, Ind., penitentiary. Warden Howard has been found by a legislative investigating committee, not only to be a cruel and incompetent manager of the convicts, but a defaulter to the tune of \$80,000 or more. He has resigned, hoping thereby to escape punishment, but judicial proceedings will likely land him in the institution in which he has brought disgrace on the State, and make him the victim, probably, of another warden as inhumane as he proved himself to be.

THE statement that Gen. Cero Gordo Williams was the first man to walk up and claim his Mexican pension is not calculated to increase the admiration of the masses for him. He is said to be a rich man but we suppose he has staid in Washington so long hunting the will o' the wisp of office, that he needs some ready cash. He wants to be a Commissioner under the Interstate bill and he told us the other day that his claims were A 1.

THE democrats of New Jersey have a clear legislative majority of five on joint ballot, yet they are unable because of dissensions to elect a Senator, when if they would do so and West Virginia would stop her infernal foolishness and follow suit, as she is capable of doing, with her democratic majority, the Senate would stand after March 4, 38 republicans, 37 democrats and 1 independent.

THE Courier-Journal is making strong appeals for private subscriptions to a fund for the benefit of the starving people of portions of Texas. It will receive subscriptions and any amount, however small, will be gratefully acknowledged. Let rich and poor respond quickly and as liberally as their means will permit.

THERE is considerable talk about the president appointing Speaker Carlisle to be Secretary of the Treasury. That gentleman is in the very place now that he ought to be and like Holman, of Indiana, when an appropriation bill comes up, "We object." He can do his party more service where he is.

THE bill to redeem the trade dollars and re-issue them into standards has passed both Houses of Congress. There are \$7,000,000 of them and they are held entirely by bankers and brokers, who will make just 15 to 20 cents clear on each. The poor have already lost this discount.

A NUMBER of newspapers have recently spoken of the editor of this paper as "Colonel Walton." We want it distinctly understood that we are no Colonel and have no claims whatever on the title. No military record adorns our history for we were but little the rise of 15 when the war closed, and no Governor of Kentucky has ever felt friendly enough toward us to honor us with the "proud distinction." The only colonel we recognize is Col. O'Bradley, whose daring deeds upon an hundred battle fields would have entitled him to promotion to Major General, but for the jealousy of those in authority. By the way, we are greatly pleased to see that the boom we originated to make him the republican candidate for governor is growing in volume and strength and he is as sure to be nominated as he is to get left in the final race.

THE Committee on Foreign Affairs, headed by the New York dude, Perry Belmont, was anxious to increase the pay of all persons connected with the Consular Service, thereby adding large amounts to our annual expenses and giving it to men who do not earn their present ample salaries. Gov. McCreary believes that the democratic declaration for retrenchment and reform, should be carried out in good faith, so as a member of the Committee and in the House he fought the bill for an increase with the persistency for which he is noted, when sure that he is in the right. The consequence was that Belmont withdrew his bill and himself offered Gov. McCreary's substitute which saves \$325,000 to the government. It is a mighty cold day when they get away with our representatives.

IN convention assembled at Richmond, the following strong resolution of indorsement of Senator John D. Harris for governor was passed unanimously: "We, the democrats of Madison county, in mass meeting assembled, do most cordially and heartily commend him to the democrats of the State, as not only a true and tried democrat, but a gentleman of strict integrity free and upright in his morals and habits, thoroughly educated, eminently successful in business, true to his people and his party, deeply interested in the success and development of the State—a farmer by profession and a worthy and well qualified man in every respect for the high and honorable position to which he aspires."

THE Pauper Pension Committee reported back the bill that the President vetoed, with a unanimous expression of opinion that it ought to become a law, notwithstanding the excellent reasons given by the executive why it should not. Consideration of the bill has been fixed for next Thursday, and if Congress knows when it is well off it will not dare to override the most righteous veto that ever emanated from the White House. A number of Grand Army Posts, which are composed for the most part, no doubt, of stragglers and outlaws, denounced the action of the President, but all good soldiers commend his action.

A JUDGE has decided that wine-rooms are no more permissible under the prohibition laws in Atlanta than regular bar-rooms, and has accordingly entered a fine of \$1,000 against the keeper of one, who was brought before him. This is exactly right. A man can get as drunk on wine as he can on whiskey and feel a great deal meaner afterwards. Let both the letter and the spirit of the law be executed.

OWENSDORO continues to put on city airs. A street-car line has been added to their daily newspaper evidence and it was formally opened Thursday. Al Field's fine band occupied the first car and discoursed splendid music for the entire length of the track, after which all who wished were treated to free rides over it.

WE observe that Henry Watterson is in Cincinnati again dining with Richard Smith and Murat Halstead. Can it be that those arch fiends are again plotting against the good of the country? It is to be hoped that they will agree to let the people nominate and re-elect Mr. Cleveland for a second term.

AFTER the President tells them that the government is not a machine for collecting money to be dispensed in charities, Congress decided that he was right about it and sustained his veto of the bill appropriating \$10,000 for seeds for the Texas drought sufferers.

THE prohibitionists of West Virginia have scored a victory, where it was thought impossible. The Legislature by a big majority passed a bill to submit a prohibition amendment to the constitution, to be voted on by the people in November 1888.

WE regret to learn that that excellent democratic paper, the London Leader, has gone into the hands of the republicans.

—The President has got in two more vetoes on pension schemes.

—Melinite, a new explosive, has, it is said, ten times the strength of dynamite and a hundred times that of gunpowder.

—Judge Bond, sitting for the Eastern District of Virginia, U. S. Court, has declared the Virginia coupons as much a legal tender in that State as greenbacks.

—Boston Corbett, notorious as the slayer of Wilkes Booth, and who a few days since made things lively in the Kansas House of Representatives with a pistol in each hand, has been declared insane and placed in an asylum.

—The Chesapeake and Ohio river at Cincinnati will be three feet higher than the suspension bridge. The main span is to be 250 feet, the longest in the world, and the shore spans 500 feet. The bridge will be provided with double tracks, also a double foot-path.

GARRARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT.

Lancaster.

—An order for 10,000 shares in the Consolidated Skunk Company was received from Louisville Monday morning. On with the dance!

—A good sized audience saw the Abbey Co. play Uncle Tom's Cabin at the Opera House Saturday. In several respects the presentation was better than ever given here.

—Mr. E. W. Coleman, agent for the K. C. at this place, informs us that on March 1st a regular passenger train will be put on this end of the road. It will pass here going to Cincinnati at 5 20 A. M., returning at about 8 30.

—The most serious objection we have heard offered to the introduction of monkey laborers in this country was made by Col. James B. Mason, of this place. He says it would be the cause of another war for the d—n Yankees would set about freeing them.

—Miss Mamie Ode is visiting Miss Hat-tie Mays, at Danville. Miss Marion Wolford, of Somerset, is a guest of Miss Fleecie Cook. Mrs. M. E. Holmes is convalescing from her recent illness. J. E. and C. C. Stormes left for the cities Monday morning.

—Rev. B. F. Fitch, Presiding Elder of the Danville district held services at the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening. The prayer meeting at the Christian church will hereafter be held at 2 o'clock on Thursday afternoon instead of night as formerly.

—The residence occupied by Mr. Geo. Higginbotham burned Saturday morning at eight o'clock. Nearly all the contents were saved. The building was the property of Mrs. Alice Lusk, of Hustonville, and was valued at \$1,500; insurance \$1,000. A defective flue caused the fire.

—The arrest of young J. S. Battis at Harris station last Friday and his subsequent imprisonment at Richmond, charged with robbing the U. S. mails, caused something of a sensation here. The young man is a son of Mr. Geo. W. Battis, of this place, and had always borne the reputation of an honest and capable boy. His father is nearly crazy with grief over the affair. The young man stoutly affirms his innocence. Nearly every member of the bar has volunteered his services in the boy's defence. The trial will likely be held before U. S. Commissioner R. A. Burnside, of this place, Wednesday.

DANVILLE, BOYLE COUNTY.

—That venerable and miserable lie, Uncle "Tom's Cabin," is advertised for the 24th inst. at the Opera House.

—Rev. Mr. Keene, of Covington, preached at the Christian church Sunday, exchanging pulpits with Rev. O. A. Bartholomew.

—Miss Mary E. Fisher has finished a portrait of her father, F. S. Fisher, which increases her already enviable reputation as artist.

—A brilliant and very enjoyable party was given Friday night by Miss Mamie McRoberts to Miss Minnie Letcher, of Richmond. About 60 young people were present.

—Mr. Barry Smith, of Frankfort, a candidate for the democratic nomination for State Treasurer, is in town to day. Col. C. E. Bowman, late U. S. Statistical Agent at Frankfort, is in town. He has lately secured a good position connected with the Interior Department at Washington, which will keep him traveling a good portion of his time. Capt. W. E. Grubbs is in town. He will get through with the public building at Frankfort in about a week and will then begin his canvass for the legislative nomination. Henry Lyons left on Sunday for California to be absent several months. His father, Isaac Lyons, who has expected to accompany him, decided a few days ago to remain in Danville for the present.

—Circuit Court began this morning with Judge Morrow and Commonwealth's Attorney Herndon present. There are 69 Commonwealth cases including several appeals from the police court. The grand jury, which was charged by the Judge is composed of the following named citizens: Philip Huxling, J. Barnes Caldwell, W. D. Latimer, D. A. Card, Wm. Sheare, George Waters, J. E. Lee, W. F. Clarkson, A. Bery May, Wm. H. Hughes, I. H. Prather, James Hutchings, George W. Coulter, Wm. Andrew Caldwell, J. H. Bonta, J. T. Fackler. Mr. Lee was appointed foreman. At the time this letter closed the standing jury had not been called. Among the visiting attorneys to day are Capt. P. B. Thompson, Harrodsburg; W. O. Bradley, Lancaster; R. C. Warren, Stanford.

—Fairchild stands the best chance of succeeding Secretary Manning.

—Kansas has just conferred municipal suffrage upon women and the New York Senate has passed a like bill by a vote of 20 to 9.

—"Happy Bob" Van Brunt, a leading member of the Salvation Army, has been sentenced to hang at Elmira, N. Y., April 15, for the murder of his sweetheart's brother.

—For some time girls in Cincinnati have been greatly annoyed by a strange man, who would pinch them on their arms and legs. The fellow has finally been arrested but he denies the soft impeachment.

—"Orlando, I don't see you with Miss Brown at the concert last night." "No, Percy, I'm not calling on her any more. I can't until she retracts what she said the other week." "Ah—what did she say?" "Well, she said I needn't call any more."

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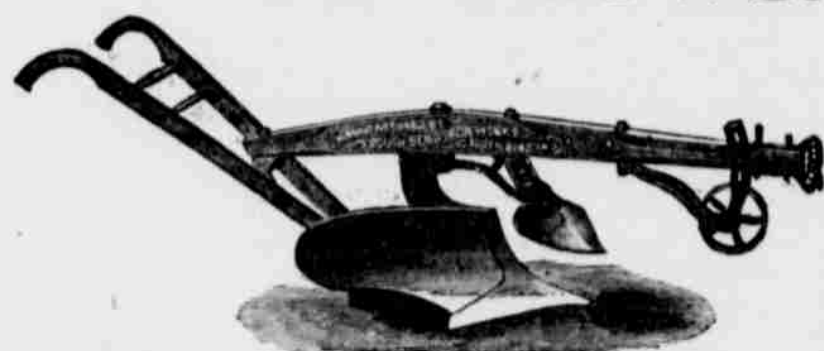
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